

Washington Student Achievement Council

Health Professional Scholarship Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q Is funding available at this time for scholarship awards?

A Funding is not available at this time. We do not know if or when funding will become available again. Please keep rechecking our website for updates.

Q When will the funding be restored?

A We do not know if or when funding will become available again. Please keep rechecking our website for updates.

Q What professions are included?

A The professions that were included in the past are: Physicians (MD or DO); Dentist, Registered Dental Hygienist, Physician Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse, Pharmacists, Licensed Midwife, Certified Nurse Midwife, Nurse Faculty

Q Will new professions be added in the future if funding is restored?

A The program will look at shortage data to see review and evaluate needs. It is possible that new professions could be added or others removed.

Q Does the scholarship cover prerequisite classes?

A The scholarship does not cover prerequisite classes. Those must be completed and the applicant enrolled or applied to enroll into the program to be eligible.

Q What is the maximum number of years you can receive the scholarship?

A A student may receive up to five years of continuous funding.

Q What is the amount of the scholarship?

A The amount of the funding depends on the academic course and whether or not the student is full or part time.

Q Does the scholarship include costs other than tuition?

A The scholarship may not cover the full cost of tuition. The money is first applied to tuition and remaining funds may be used for educationally related needs.

Q Do I have to attend a school in Washington State?

A You may attend school outside of Washington State. However, you must complete your minimum three year service obligation in Washington State.

Q Once I complete my academic courses, how long do I have to gain my license and find employment?

A You will have a nine month grace period upon graduation to take your test for licensure and to seek employment.

Q Does the program assist with job location?

A The program does not assist with job location. You are given a Shortage Area List that outlines the types of employment that meets with program requirements. You are responsible for finding your own employment.

Q Can I work part time?

A You may work part time, but a minimum of 24 hours a week. You must complete your service obligation within five years.

Q What if I decide to work in another state?

A If you do not work in Washington State your account will go into repayment default and you will be required to repay the funds with penalty per your signed promissory note.

Q What if I can't find employment?

A You may ask for a deferment. During the deferment you will be required to submit employment search documentation showing you are looking statewide.

Q What if I find a job that doesn't meet with the program requirements?

A You will have to repay the program with penalty per the promissory note.

Q What are the professions included?

A Physician (MD/DO); Physician Assistant; Nurse Practitioner; Nurse (Registered or Licensed Practical) Midwife (Licensed or Certified-Nurse); Pharmacist; Dentist (DDS/ DMD); Dental Hygienist

Q What are the Application Requirements?

A You must:

- Be a U.S. Citizen (Permanent resident does not qualify)
- Be a student training to become a primary care health professional in an eligible profession
- Have completed all prerequisite course work
- Not be in default on any educational loans
- Sign a Promissory Note agreeing to serve a minimum of three years in a designated shortage area in Washington state or pay back funds with penalty and interest